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## NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CRCP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal for the State as a whole. The east was slightly warmer than normal and the west was a little cooler. Moderate to heavy snows fell over the northern and central portions of the Panhandle. Light to moderate rains fell over much of the eastern portion of the State, and moderate to heavy rain or snow over the north-central. The south-central and southwest received very little precipitation, and strong winds again raised considerable dust over this region.

CROPS Light rain and snow last week reduced the damage from winds to some extent in the Panhandle. Kimball county reports more damage than the other counties. So far it appears that only a small percentage is damaged beyond recovery.

Southwestern Nebraska shows more damage. That portion of the State had received very little moisture since early December. Keith and Perkins counties got a little wet snow but it was very light in other southwestern Nebraska counties. Hitchcock, Red Willow, Frontier, Dundy and Hayes counties reported damage from high winds and varying estimates of loss of wheat. Considerable damage to wheat was reported in some of the central Nebraska counties, while others reported improvement.

While there is some damage reported from winds in the balance of the State, it is light so far. Wheat made some growth but needs moisture badly as surface soil is again dry.

A considerable percentage of the cats has been seeded in southern Nebraska. Seeding oats has been delayed in northeastern Nebraska due to soil being too wet. Seeding of spring wheat in northwestern Nebraska has been delayed due to snow.

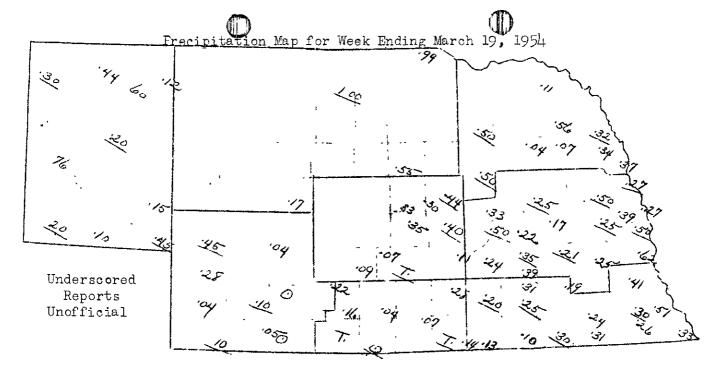
While the reduction in corn acreage will be much smaller than the allotments, the diverted acreage will go largely to soybeans, legumes and sorghum crops. Some of the abandoned wheat in western Nebraska may be planted to sorghum. Some varieties of winter barley escaped damage, while other varieties winter killed.

Some localities are reporting a short supply of farm labor. Farmers are applying fertilizer. Shipments of potatoes are light. Some losses of fall seeded alfalfa and grasses are expected.

LIVESTOCK Last week's blizzard caused some loss of calves in western Nebraska. Some counties are still reporting abnormally high prices offered for pigs and bred gilts. Hay and feed supplies are generally ample except in some localities in southern Nebraska.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 1954

Eastern Divis:	ion	Central Division	Western Division			
Grand Island Lincoln Norfolk Cmaha Sioux City	.11 .25 .04 3-23-54	Burwell 655 Lexington 08 North Platte 04 Valentine	Chadron Imperial Scottsbluff Sidney	•44 •04 •77 •01		



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Max, for preceding 24 hours, Min, for preceding night

		March 16th Max M	in	17th Max	Min	18th Max		19th Max		20th Max		21st Max		22nd Max	
MM	Chadron		30	51	29	60	35	42	29	32	28	41	32	48	27
	Scottshluff		24	51	25	59	32	38	26	35	28	42	29	57	27
	Sidney	48	26	57	25	65	32	53	25	34	26	35	30	Ц8	27
NC	Burwell	42	24	52	36	63	44	49	33	34	23	42	26	44	32
	Valentine	36 i	22	48	35					33	20	40	30	43	30
NE	Norfolk	39	21	50	38	62	43			39	26	<u>1</u> ,1	25	49	<i>3</i> 8
	Sioux City	33	25	48	39	61	42	52	36	40	28	38	27	50	40
CEN.	Grand Island	50	28	53	39	64	45	55	35	40	31	43	26	46	32
	Lexington		30	54	36	68	48	56	35	38	22	45		747	25
E-C	Lincoln		23	56	46	65	47	54	40	42	30	42	30	51	38
	Omaha		25	46	42	64	48	55	39	42	32	71/1	30	52	41
SW	${\tt Imperial}$	-	28	54	32	70	39	55	29	37	29	35	31	42	29
	North Platte	49	26	53	33	67	48	54	34	35	30	43	27	42	27

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